

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2014.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 4622–4655; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 579–582 were introduced. **Pages H4057–59**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4060–61**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

American Research and Competitiveness Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 4438, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify and make permanent the research credit, by a yea-and-nay vote of 274 yeas to 131 nays, Roll No. 211. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, May 8th. **Pages H4021–23**

Rejected the Kirkpatrick motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 210. **Pages H4021–22**

H. Res. 569, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, May 7th.

Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act: The House passed H.R. 10, to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, by a recorded vote of 360 yeas to 45 noes, Roll No. 217. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, May 8th. **Pages H4023–38, H4038–46**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the

bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H4023**

Agreed to:

Kline amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–444) that makes technical corrections and improvements to the underlying bill text; **Page H4028**

Cassidy amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–444) that requires GAO to audit/track the dollars and examine if the money allocated from administrative costs is appropriate; **Pages H4028–29**

Bass amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–444) that adds on p. 14, line 16 after all students “, including eliminating any barriers to enrollment for foster youth or unaccompanied homeless youth,”. This will ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers for foster youth in charter school enrollment and ensure the inclusion and retention of all students no matter the involvement or lack of involvement of parents; **Pages H4032–33**

Messer amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–444) that requires State entities applying for Charter School Program grant funds to explain how they will work with eligible applicants within the state to encourage the opening, replication, and expansion of secondary charter schools; **Pages H4033–34**

Loretta Sanchez (CA) amendment (No. 12 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–444) that requires State entities to report on how they have worked with funded charter schools to foster community involvement; **Pages H4040–41**

Wilson (FL) amendment (No. 9 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–444) that ensures collection and public dissemination of information that will help

parents make informed decisions about education options for their children (by a recorded vote of 373 ayes to 32 noes, Roll No. 214);

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Langevin amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–444) that adds comprehensive career counseling to the criteria that the Secretary will take into account when prioritizing grants to LEAs (by a recorded vote of 378 ayes to 27 noes, Roll No. 215); and

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Bonamici amendment (No. 11 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–444) that clarifies the reporting requirements of State entities by asking State entities to include, to the extent known, whether efforts to share best and promising practices between charter schools and other schools led to the adoption and implementation of best practices by such other public schools (by a recorded vote of 363 ayes to 41 noes, Roll No. 216).

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Rejected:

Moore amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–444) that sought to establish a two percent set-aside within state funds to provide oversight of the use of funds by charter schools; **Pages H4031–32**

Castor amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–444) that sought to require the Secretary of the Department of Education to develop and enforce conflict of interest guidelines for all charter schools receiving Federal assistance. Guidelines must include disclosures from anyone affiliated with the charter school that has a financial interest in the school (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 212); and

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Jackson Lee amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–444) that sought to direct the website publication of materials on the websites of Charter Schools regarding student recruitment, orientation materials, enrollment criteria, student discipline policies, behavior codes, and parent contract requirements, which should include any financial obligations such as fees for tutoring, extracurricular activity, etc. (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 213).

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H. Res. 576, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, May 8th.

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the young women who were abducted in Nigeria and are being held.

Pages H4044–45

Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi—Appointment: The Speaker announced his appointment of the following Members to the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi: Representative Gowdy, Chairman; Rep-

resentatives Westmoreland, Jordan, Roskam, Pompeo, Roby, and Brooks (IN). **Page H4046**

Commission on International Religious Freedom—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term effective May 14, 2014, and ending May 14, 2016: Dr. Robert P. George of Princeton, NJ and Dr. Daniel I. Mark of Villanova, PA. **Page H4046**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13th. **Page H4046**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4038.

Senate Referral: S. 2197 was referred to the Committee on House Administration. **Page H4055**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4022, H4022–23, H4041, H4042, H4042–43, H4043, H4044, H4045. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4587, to impose targeted sanctions on individuals responsible for carrying out or ordering human rights abuses against citizens of Venezuela, and for other purposes; H.R. 4573, to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 573, condemning the abduction of female students by armed militants from the terrorist group known as Boko Haram in north-eastern provinces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The bills and resolution were ordered reported, as amended.

MIXED SIGNALS: THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY ON MARIJUANA, PART THREE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled "Mixed Signals: the Administration's Policy on Marijuana, Part Three". Testimony was heard from Representative Holmes Norton; Peter